

REMARKS

Claims 4, 5, 8 and 11 have been canceled, without prejudice, to expedite issuance of claims 7 and 12-15, which have been allowed by the Examiner. Accordingly, claims 7 and 12-15 remain pending in this application. This amendment merely cancels claims and is therefore entitled to entry under 37 CFR 1.116(b)(1).

In view of the above, early action issuing a Notice of Allowance is solicited.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. **03-1952** referencing docket no. **246472006000**.

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